

## STETSON MAKES FINE ADDRESS

Members and Friends of Richmond Education Association Defy Inclement Weather.

### THOSE WHO KNOW SOUTH

Speaker, Coming From Maine, Satirizes Certain Know-Alls From the North.

The first of the series of addresses under the auspices of the Richmond Education Association, to be given at intervals during the season, was that of Dr. W. W. Stetson, of Maine, at two P. M. C. A. Hall last night. Though the inclement weather greatly detracted from what would have been a very large attendance, it is seldom that a more representative body of educators has assembled in this city than that which last night listened for nearly an hour to the speaker.

Mr. Stetson is superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Maine, and is well known for his official duties by intelligence of a high order, an enthusiasm which he imparts to others, a discriminating and thoughtful mind and an aptness and facility of speech which enable him to present his thoughts in a pleasing and impressive manner. While he lightened and brightened his address with wit of a quiet humor that was relished by his hearers, his address was noteworthy for its earnestness and its practical value.

Among those occupying seats on the rostrum were Judge George L. Christian, who presided and presented the speaker; Superintendent of Public Instruction J. W. Southall; Mr. W. A. Bowles, principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind; Captain C. B. Vawter, principal of the Miller Manual School; Dr. F. W. Boatwright, president of the Richmond College; Dr. James Nelson, principal of the Newman College; Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of the Richmond College; Messrs. James H. Gordon, B. B. Valentine, W. S. Copeland, W. A. Crenshaw, F. P. Brent, secretary of the State Board of Education; Thomas Ellett and others.

Judge Christian presented Mr. Copeland in a brief introductory speech. In the course of which he referred to the work of the Richmond Educational Association, and enumerated some of its achievements.

### The Knowing Ones.

Mr. Stetson informed his audience in the very offhand that he was not there to tell them what to do nor how to do it, nor even what he did at home. He had spent some time in the South himself, and had gone home impressed with what he did not know of conditions existing there. His satirical references to the men from the North who knew all about conditions in the South and who came to Washington, walked down to the shores of the Potomac on a foggy morning and looked in a southerly direction and then went back declaring that they had observed conditions in the South, pleased his audience.

After indulging in these observations and a bit of pleasantries, the speaker considered the subject of education from the American standard of dollars and cents, and defended this view of the subject. He was willing that any one should judge education by its value measured thus. Beginning with Asia, where the average earning per man, woman and child was but three cents, he proceeded westward to Russia, where it was considerably greater, and then to America, where it was more than two-fold the average earning power in Russia. The difference in the capacity to earn represented the difference wrought by education, which, he declared, was well worth the cost.

### He Moved Them.

The speaker narrated an experience in Bangor when on one occasion a deficit in the school funds required the schools to close for six months. A town meeting had been held to ascertain what could be done. Lawyers, doctors, preachers, merchants, all the leading citizens were there, and many of them made addresses. Still not a dollar had been raised and the meeting seemed doomed to failure. At this point a man without education came timidously to the platform and simply stated that he had no education and was poor, but that he had two children and was willing to stand and hold the ladder until they got to the top. That simple, earnest man's spirit of self-sacrifice fired the hearts of the throng, the money was raised and the schools were kept open. The value of such unselfishness on the part of citizens is as great elsewhere.

The speaker referred to the fact that America had produced few great musicians, poets, artists and attributed this sterility of genius to the fact that the schools are too often a mere machine, where children are all ground through the same routine. He made a strong plea for greater adaptability of education to the individual needs and the diverse talents or inclinations of the pupils. He pleaded for a broader, more intelligent educational system, that will

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develop children along the lines of their natural tendencies.

Mr. Stetson deprecated the tendency to develop juvenile prodigies at the expense of later normal development, declaring that too early precocity and too great strain upon the juvenile mind were almost invariably followed by a slump, and the physical and mental dwarfing of a child's powers. He advocated a beginning in school education for children at from eight to eleven years, rather than several years younger.

The speaker told a story of the career of a boy whose great abilities had been recognized and stimulated by an intelligent and discriminating teacher, with the result that what was considered a dull boy had been developed into a splendid example of intellectual manhood. He impressed the far-reaching influence of a teacher who sought to stimulate a pupil to achievement and a realization of his possibilities.

Mr. Stetson advocated manual education and especially where this phase of instruction offered greater possibilities and prospects than intellectual training. It early stimulated the mind to intellectual development later on.

Other phases of the problem of education were practically and helpfully presented and the address as a whole was one well calculated to make the hearer question whether our educational systems were not capable of improvement and of better results.

### TO "SEE" CONGRESSMEN.

Council Recommends Appropriation of \$1,500—Coal for City Poor.

The Common Council voted last night favorably upon a report from the Finance Committee recommending that the sum of \$1,500 be included in the forthcoming budget, to be used as a whole or so much thereof as may be necessary, by the James River Improvement Committee, in meeting expenses incurred in making it clear to the Rivers and the Committee of Congress the necessity of making appropriation for the improvement of the river and harbor at Richmond.

### Struck by a Bullet.

Dr. Leonard had to fix up Garfield Williams' right arm at the First Police Station at 9:10 o'clock last night, because in a scarp Garfield was struck by a bullet.

### Hand Was Amputated.

James Jefferson had his hand badly mangled while at work at the Locomotive Works yesterday morning. It had to be amputated.

## CAROLINA'S FINE FOOTBALL TEAM

Mass-Meeting Gives Commendation for Their Good Work.

### CAPT. STEWART GIVEN WATCH

Advisory Committee Changes Style of Sweater—Stewart Again Elected Captain.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHAPEL HILL, N. C., December 5.—The last mass-meeting of the 1904 football season was held to-night in Gerard Hall. The meeting was mainly for the object of presenting university monogram sweaters to the new men. The following were the grateful recipients of the monogram sweaters: Messrs. Carpenter, Mance, Belgie, Story, Roberson, Winborne, Bear, Barry and Weber.

In an eloquent speech, Mr. Hamilton McR. Jones, of Wilmington, presented former Captain Roach Sidney Stewart, with a beautiful open face gold watch. This watch was gotten up by the united efforts of all the students of the university because of the great work he did as captain of this season's foot-ball aggregation.

Mr. Stewart delivered a touching speech in response to this lovely tribute of esteem from the students. The Advisory Committee announced that after much discussion, they had decided to change the style of sweaters worn by the different teams of the university. The new style is: Foot-ball players will wear a blue sweater with white, North Carolina monogram over breast; base-ball, white sweater, with blue monogram over breast; track, white sweater, with very small blue monogram over heart. This was brought about in order to distinguish the players of different teams. Hitherto, a foot-ball player could not be told from a member of the track men.

The committee announced also that they had unanimously elected ex-Captain Stewart as manager of the foot-ball aggregation for 1905. This selection was enthusiastically received by the student body. With Stewart again at center next fall, it will mean much towards Carolina's herculean effort to regain the championship of the South.

It is with pleasure the university learns that the leading athletic editors of three of the most prominent journals in the country, namely, the New York Sun, Herald and Tribune have unitedly conceded C. Huston Carpenter, the Tar Heels' next captain and great right half-back, equal to any half-back in the republic. South Carolina rightly lays claim to its first all-American star. This should be gratifying, not only to everybody in this State, but in the South, as it is the first all-American foot-ball player the South has produced.

After paying all expenses for the season, Manager Benjamin K. Lassiter, of Oxford, turned over to the Advisory Committee nearly \$2,000.

### THE REMAINS OF BONER.

A Literary Son of North Carolina to Rest in Her Soil.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 5.—The remains of the late John Henry Boner, a native of Salem, and North Carolina's first man of letters, will be brought here from Washington and be interred in the Moravian graveyard. The body will leave Washington Saturday night and arrive here Sunday morning. An appropriate service will be held in the graveyard, conducted by Bishop Rondthaler, of the Moravian Church. Mr. Boner died in Washington in March, 1903, and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery. Last spring there appeared in the South Atlantic Quarterly, published at Durham, an appreciation of Mr. Boner's career. A meeting of his friends and associates was held in Washington the past summer and they organized a John Henry Boner memorial, having as its chief object the removal of Mr. Boner's remains to the Moravian Church yard here, and the placing of a tablet over his grave. The consent for the removal of the remains of Mr. Boner was obtained from his widow.

The burial only of members of the Moravian Church is allowed in this cemetery, and in accordance with the time honored custom of the Moravian Church no monument other than a simple slab of prescribed size is permitted.

### Postoffice Robbed.

(By Associated Press.) FORT WORTH, TEXAS, Dec. 5.—Cracksmen entered the Fort Worth post-office at the stock yards today. They open the safe with dynamite and rifled it, securing \$100 in cash and \$80 in stamps. Nine letters were also taken. The office had just previously deposited \$200 in the bank. Postoffice Inspector Joffe, who is investigating, thinks it the work of experts.

## MILLER INDISCREET; MAY NOT GET FAT JOB

Rumored in Washington That Department Officials Are Offended.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—It is said there is now some doubt of the appointment of Hugh Gordon Miller to a government position in the place of that of assistant district attorney, which he recently resigned. It is said there is a feeling on the part of the powers that be in the department against Mr. Miller because of sentiments expressed in a recent conversation with the Attorney-General, or in a letter written Attorney-General Moody. It is not possible to learn the nature of the sentiments to which exception was taken, or whether they were expressed by word of mouth or by letter. Mr. Miller, it is said, expected a much better position than the one which he gave up. He took a more active part in the campaign outside of Virginia last fall than any other Southern Republican, making many speeches in New York State and in New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. It is stated at the department that if Mr. Robert H. Miller of Richmond, has the endorsement of the district judge, Judge Wald, and District Attorney Lewis, he will be appointed. It is understood that both officials endorse him.

Mr. Arthur Payne, son of the late General William H. Payne, and assistant secretary to Senator Daniel, will be taken to Atlantic City to-morrow for radical treatment in a sanitarium there. Mr. Payne recently suffered a stroke of paralysis that renders him helpless. The physicians believe, however, that his trouble will readily yield to the treatment which it will receive at Atlantic City. Mrs. Payne will accompany her husband.

### Visiting Newspaper Men.

Mr. Richard F. Boine, Jr., of the Baltimore News, is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Wm. Josiah Leake.

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## THE BEAUTY DOCTOR HERE FOR A WEEK

Her Treatment Gave Satisfaction at the Bijou Last Night.

Not since "The Show Girl" capered upon the Bijou stage, has there been a musical production presented in that house equal to "The Beauty Doctor," who, last night hung out her sign at the Broad Street theatre, where she will treat the public all the week, with special consultation days for ladies and children on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon. The treatment last night proved a splendid success. If laughing makes one grow fat as the saying is, then the audience must have left the Bijou last night, considerably increased in weight. The musical comedy, like most of its kind, hasn't any flat to bother about. There are girls who can dance, and dance well, though one or two of them need the treatment of the Beauty Doctor.

This Beauty Doctor is Henrietta Lee, by no means a stranger to Richmond theatre-goers. She would make a good model for a ladies' tailor. She can fill a gown most beautifully. Florence McNeill, a living, breathing advertisement of the Beauty Doctor, Miss McNeill was a favorite in the Bijou Musical Comedy Company, principally because she had the best voice in the organization, and always beamed at her audience with a good-natured smile.

She was not called good looking by her best friends. When she slipped out on the stage last night, she was at first hardly recognized. Her figure was almost girlish, whereas she used to be in the middleweight class. Instead of the rather heavy, though good-natured expression, her face used to wear, she gave the audience a smile that was almost a challenge, as though she said: "What do you think of me now?" She certainly "looked good" to the audience, and they told her so as best they could.

The cast has in it some very clever people. Will Philbrick is an eccentric dancer and a comedian, combining the two to excellent advantage in the role of Ebenezer Lester. Harry G. Walters was good as Solo-

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